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## CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION & NEW ENGLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION

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# 2023 NEW ENGLAND ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Date/Time:** Friday, March 24, 2023  
Round 1 at 6 pm; all subsequent Rounds ASAP, ends by 8:30 pm  
[Online registration](#) ONLY by 11:59 pm on March 22

**Location:** Online via Chess.com

**Requirement:** All players must have valid USCF membership and at least a basic Chess.com account. Free Chess.com account is enough to participate in the tournament. All “second chance” accounts have to be declared to the organizer and the Chief TD.

**Pairing & Games:** Tournament will be paired manually with SwissSys pairing software following USCF pairing rules with Team restrictions turned on, as long as it produces competitive pairings within the individual-based format of the competition.

Pairings and standings will be publicly available via Google sheet, and players will have time to look up their pairings before each round.

Games will be started by tournament director(s) on Chess.com. Players will need to be logged into [www.chess.com/play/online](http://www.chess.com/play/online), and their game will pop up automatically. Start of consecutive rounds will be announced via Zoom, as well as posted on the Google sheet.

**Fair play regulations:** All players are required to have a minimum of 20 blitz games played on Chess.com before the start of the tournament. All players must have a sufficient

game history in the applicable time control to establish a baseline of their performance.

Fair Play monitoring will be applied throughout tournament play. TDs will be in direct contact with Chess.com's Fair Play department throughout. At the conclusion of the tournament, all games will be submitted for a thorough fair play check. Tentative unverified results will be posted immediately after the event is finished. Final verified results will be posted within one to two weeks after the Chess.com fair play report is received and any necessary adjustments applied.

Although a Zoom video meeting will be open and available for all player to join, including those in need of support, players will not be required to join the Zoom meeting or use cameras unless requested. Regardless, the organizer reserves the right to call players in for Zoom video monitoring at any time and, particularly, in the later rounds of the tournament.

- Rds/Time:** 5 double Rounds Swiss tournament, G/3 +2. USCF online-rated. Highest of USCF or Chess.com Regular/Quick/Rapid/Blitz ratings used for pairings and prizes.
- Byes:** No ½ point byes permitted; 0 point byes any round. Must commit by end of registration.
- Prizes:** Plaques to Top 5 players and Top 3 teams in High (grades 9 thru 12), Middle (grades 6 thru 8) and Elementary (grades K thru 5) Schools. Individual and team placements may be increased to 10% of school level participants. Top New England Player and Team in each school level marked "New England Online Scholastic Blitz Champion" on their Plaque. Prizes processed and shipped to players within thirty (30) days of the posting of the final verified results.
- Entry Fee:** \$30 by March 15; \$40 by March 22. [Online registration](#), only. Registration ends March 22 @ 11:59pm.
- Discounts:** General DISCOUNTS: Students with financial hardship, attending Title I schools or requesting a sibling discount should email [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) to request additional registration instructions.
- CSCA Member Organization DISCOUNT: CSCA Member Organization schools or clubs will receive instructions to apply \$10 membership discount to their students. Schools may apply for [Member Organization Status](#) at any time by email to [chess.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:chess.CSCA@gmail.com).
- GMs and IMs: Entry fee is waived for GMs and IMs, if registering by March 15. 50% waived thereafter. Please email [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) to register.
- Out-of-state:** Out-of-region, non-New England, players (see Note [1] below) are welcome and prize eligible, except Regional Champions.

## **Notes:**

THIS NONPROFIT EVENT IS ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION. This is an official US Chess and New England Chess Association recognized Regional Championship event to determine the 2023 New England Online Scholastic Blitz Individual and Team Champions.

[1] **New England player/school.** Any player residing in or attending school in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) is considered a New England player for title purposes. Any school located in New England is considered a New England school for title purposes. Regardless, of this title requirement, all players from within and without New England are invited to participate and are fully prize eligible with the only exception of New England title.

[2] **Team composition.** All players participating on a team must be students of the same school. No team may compete in more than one section. However, schools consisting of multiple grade levels may enter a team in multiple prize categories. No player may participate on more than one team.

[3] **Rating Supplement.** March 2023 USCF Rating Suppl. used for section entry, pairings and prizes. Highest of USCF and Chess.com rating applied for pairing and prizes.

[4] **Contact.** All questions/inquiries to [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com).

[5] **Refunds/Cancellation Policy.** To withdraw registration or request a refund, email your request to [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) no later than March 22 at 11:59 PM. Refund requests not received by email or received after the above deadline, will not be honored. Refunds are subject to \$15 administrative fee.